

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A device for conducting reconnoiter and rescue operations in a darkened or burning structure, comprising:
 - a rope for coupling a firefighter with a hose line or main line search rope;
 - a bag for storing said rope; and
 - an attachment means for attaching said bag onto firefighter's equipment,
said attachment means comprising a retaining strap and a belt strap.
2. (original) The device claim 1, further comprising a grommet affixed to said bag and having an end of the rope passed therethrough.
3. (currently amended) The device of claim 2 3, wherein said rope comprises a knot on either side of the grommet.
4. (original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a quick connection means affixed at an end of the rope.
5. (original) The device of claim 4, further comprising a pocket for removably containing said quick connection means.
6. (original) The device of claim 5, further comprising a flap for closing said pocket.

7. (original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a means for aiding the rope in playing out from the bag properly.
8. (original) The device of claim 7 wherein said means for aiding the rope in playing out from the bag properly comprises a snap fastener.
9. (original) The device of claim 3 wherein said quick connection means further comprises a carabineer.
10. (currently amended) A device for assisting firemen in fighting fires, comprising:
- means for coupling a firefighter with a hose line or main line search rope;
 - means for storing said means for coupling said firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope; and
 - means for attaching said means for storing said means for coupling said firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope onto a firefighter's equipment, said means for attaching said means for storing said means for coupling said firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope onto a firefighter's equipment comprising a retaining strap.
11. (original) The device of claim 10 further comprising means for securing said means for coupling the firefighter with the hose line to the means for storing said means for coupling the firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope.

12. (original) The device of claim 11 wherein said means for securing said means for coupling the firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope to the means for storing said means for coupling the firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope is a grommet.

13. (currently amended) The device of claim 10 wherein said means for coupling the firefighter with a hose line or main line search rope is a rope.

14. (original) The device of claim 10 wherein said means for storing said means for coupling the firefighter to the hose line or main line search rope is a bag.

15. (currently amended) The device of claim 10 wherein said means for attaching said means for storing said means for coupling said firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope onto a firefighter's equipment further comprises is a belt strap.

16. (original) The device of claim 13 wherein said rope is comprised of a flame-retardant material.

17. (original) The device of claim 14 wherein said bag is comprised of a flame-retardant material.

18. (original) The device of claim 10 further comprising a quick connection means affixed at an end of the means for coupling the firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope.

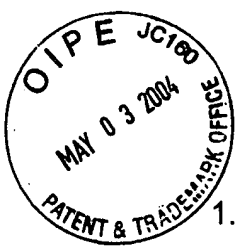
19. (original) The device of claim 18 further comprising a means for removably securing the quick connection means.

20. (withdrawn) A method of conducting reconnoitering and rescue operations, comprising;

attaching a line to a hose or main line search rope

fanning out in the dwelling

retracing steps by orientating oneself by following the line.



1. A device for conducting reconnoiter and rescue operations in a darkened or burning structure, comprising:
 - a rope for coupling a firefighter with a hose line or main line search rope;
 - a bag for storing said rope; and
 - an attachment means for attaching said bag onto firefighter's equipment, said attachment means comprising a retaining strap and a belt strap.
2. The device claim 1, further comprising a grommet affixed to said bag and having an end of the rope passed therethrough.
3. The device of claim 2, wherein said rope comprises a knot on either side of the grommet.
4. The device of claim 1, further comprising a quick connection means affixed at an end of the rope.
5. The device of claim 4, further comprising a pocket for removably containing said quick connection means.
6. The device of claim 5, further comprising a flap for closing said pocket.
7. The device of claim 1, further comprising a means for aiding the rope in playing out from the bag properly.

8. The device of claim 7 wherein said means for aiding the rope in playing out from the bag properly comprises a snap fastener.

9. The device of claim 3 wherein said quick connection means further comprises a carabineer.

10. A device for assisting firemen in fighting fires, comprising:

means for coupling a firefighter with a hose line or main line search rope;

means for storing said means for coupling said firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope; and

means for attaching said means for storing said means for coupling said firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope onto a firefighter's equipment, said means for attaching said means for storing said means for coupling said firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope onto a firefighter's equipment comprising a retaining strap.

11. The device of claim 10 further comprising means for securing said means for coupling the firefighter with the hose line to the means for storing said means for coupling the firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope.

12. The device of claim 11 wherein said means for securing said means for coupling the firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope to the means

for storing said means for coupling the firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope is a grommet.

13. The device of claim 10 wherein said means for coupling the firefighter with a hose line or main line search rope is a rope.

14. The device of claim 10 wherein said means for storing said means for coupling the firefighter to the hose line or main line search rope is a bag.

15. The device of claim 10 wherein said means for attaching said means for storing said means for coupling said firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope onto a firefighter's equipment further comprises a belt strap.

16. The device of claim 13 wherein said rope is comprised of a flame-retardant material.

17. The device of claim 14 wherein said bag is comprised of a flame-retardant material.

18. The device of claim 10 further comprising a quick connection means affixed at an end of the means for coupling the firefighter with the hose line or main line search rope.

19. The device of claim 18 further comprising a means for removably securing the quick connection means.